

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/\$51 Billion More Spending

**SUBJECT:** Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Domenici motion to table the Dodd motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions.

### ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 50-49

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

**The Dodd motion to commit** the bill to the Committee on Finance would instruct the Committee to report the bill back within 3 session days with changes to increase tax collections by \$51 billion by reducing revenue reductions "for upper income taxpayers" and to spend the money: by restoring the current-law Medicaid eligibility entitlement for pregnant women and children; by including coverage of prenatal care and delivery services for pregnant women and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services for children; by striking the 20-percent reduction over 7 years in the Social Services Block Grant Program; and by striking the 10 percent cap on the annual increase in administrative costs related to the IV-E Foster Care Program.

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of debate was permitted on the amendment. Following debate, Senator Domenici moved to table the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

**Those favoring** the motion to table contended:

Our colleagues seem unable to accept the fact that Medicaid and Medicare spending are growing at unsustainable rates. The reforms in this bill must be made, and have no relation to the middle-class tax relief that will also be provided.

**Those opposing** the motion to table contended:

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YEAS (50)		NAYS (49)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (50 or 94%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (3 or 6%)	Democrats (46 or 100%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Cohen	Akaka	Inouye	
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Gorton	Baucus	Johnston	
Bennett	Jeffords	Snowe	Biden	Kennedy	
Bond	Kassebaum		Bingaman	Kerrey	
Brown	Kempthorne		Boxer	Kerry	
Burns	Kyl		Bradley	Kohl	
Campbell	Lott		Breaux	Lautenberg	
Chafee	Lugar		Bryan	Leahy	
Coats	Mack		Bumpers	Levin	
Cochran	McCain		Byrd	Lieberman	
Coverdell	McConnell		Conrad	Mikulski	
Craig	Murkowski		Daschle	Moseley-Braun	
D'Amato	Nickles		Dodd	Moynihan	
DeWine	Pressler		Dorgan	Murray	
Dole	Roth		Exon	Nunn	
Domenici	Santorum		Feingold	Pell	
Faircloth	Shelby		Feinstein	Pryor	
Frist	Simpson		Ford	Reid	
Gramm	Smith		Glenn	Robb	
Grams	Specter		Graham	Rockefeller	
Grassley	Stevens		Harkin	Sarbanes	
Gregg	Thomas		Heflin	Simon	
Hatch	Thompson		Hollings	Wellstone	
Hatfield	Thurmond				
Helms	Warner				

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

We do not want to accuse Republicans of not caring about children, but this bill certainly makes one wonder if they have forgotten the costs that are involved in providing care. This bill will cut Medicaid health care benefits for pregnant women and children, it will deny Social Service Block Grant funding that is used to pay the day care costs for poor women's children, and it will not allow the administrative costs of the foster care program grow by more than 10 percent each year. This amendment would undo all three of these if not heartless, at least unthinking, cuts. The largest part of this amendment would be to preserve Medicaid exactly as it is currently structured to provide exactly the same benefits as are now provided to pregnant women and children. Medicaid would still be an individual entitlement, instead of a benefit given through a block grant. This amendment would take care of the needy instead of giving tax breaks to the wealthy. We are pleased to vote in its favor.